

By: Representatives Shepherd, Baine

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Jeremy Jason Wise and Benjamin Brian Wise, sons of Dr. Jean and Mary Wise, grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas, along with their brother, Matthew "Beau" Jordan Wise, and sister, Mary Heather Skalesi; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was born February 20, 1974, and younger brother, Benjamin Wise, was born August 30, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise entered the Army at the age of 23 in 2000, and Jeremy Wise entered the Navy at the age of 27, shortly after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, both of the brothers achieved membership in elite United States Armed Forces units; Benjamin Wise was a member of the Green Berets and Jeremy Wise was a Navy SEAL; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was killed in a terrorist attack on a CIA outpost in Afghanistan on December 30, 2009, while serving as a defense security



contractor for the CIA; he was 35-years-old; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise died on January 15, 2012, from injuries sustained during an insurgent attack in Afghanistan on January 9, 2012, while he was on his fourth deployment; he was 34-years-old; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy and Benjamin Wise exemplified bravery, dedication, and patriotism as they served our country; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise received the Pistol Marksmanship Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Medal, 2 Sea Service Deployment ribbons, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, 3 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was entered into the CIA's Book of Honor, his star was carved into the CIA's iconic Memorial Wall, and in 2011, the CIA awarded him the Intelligence Star "for extraordinary heroism"; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the NATO Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, 3 Iraq Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Stars, 2 Afghan Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Stars, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, 2 Overseas Service Ribbons, 2 Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, the Special Forces Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat and Special Skill Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, the two brothers lay in rest, side by side, at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise is survived by his wife, Dana, and son, Ethan; Benjamin Wise is survived by his wife, Traci, his sons, Luke and Ryan, and his daughter, Kailen; both brothers are survived by their parents, Dr. Jean

and Mary Wise, their brother, Matthew "Beau" Jordan Wise, and sister, Mary Heather Skalesi; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy and Benjamin Wise's younger brother, Matthew "Beau" Jordan Wise, joined the Marines in 2008 and still serves our country,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Jeremy Jason Wise and Benjamin Brian Wise, appreciates their military service and ultimate sacrifice, and extends its sincere condolences to the families of the brothers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented to the families of Jeremy Wise and Benjamin Wise by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.